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AS YOU WILL HAVE NOTED FROM NEW DELHI'S 10725, THE GOI REPLENTED AND GAVE PRESS ACCREDITATION TO KAMM OF THE N.Y. TIMES. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE EXCHANGES KAMM AND WE HAD WITH THE MEA THAT THE GOI TAKES A VERY DIM VIEW OF VISITING JOURNALISTS FILING STORIES FROM INDIA WITHOUT SEEKING ACCREDITATION FIRST. OF COURSE THE DECISION OF WHETHER TO SEEK ACCREDITATION OR "TAKE HIS CHANCES" IS UP TO ISAACS AND YOU SHOULD NOT OFFER HIM ADVICE, SIMPLY INFORM HIM OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOI POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT IF YOU SEE HIM AGAIN. FYI: WE BELIEVE IT WILL NOT HELP PRAN SABHARWAL'S POSITION NOR THAT OF OTHER U.S. JOURNALISTS WHO MAY VISIT INDIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE IF VISITORS VIOLATE GOI RULES ABOUT REPORTING WITHOUT EVEN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ACCREDITATION. END FYI.
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